

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

JOINT MEETING OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD**, on May 10, 2007 at 1:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chair (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bill Beck
Rep. Tim Callahan
Rep. Edith Clark
Rep. William Glaser
Rep. Ray Hawk
Rep. Cynthia Hiner
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh
Rep. Joey Jayne
Rep. Dave Kasten
Rep. Bill McChesney
Rep. Penny Morgan
Rep. John Musgrove
Rep. Rick Ripley
Rep. John Sesso
Rep. Jack Wells
Rep. Craig Witte

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)

Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Rick Laible (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 5/10/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01 Reconvene
00:00:40 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
00:00:47 Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:14:41 Rep. Sesso to Terry Johnson
00:16:20 Rep. Witte to Terry Johnson
00:18:20 Clayton Schenck
00:35:47 Sen. Gallus to Clayton Schenck
00:36:51 Rep. Wells to Clayton Schenck

HEARING ON HB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:37 **REP. EDITH CLARK (R), HD 28**, opened the hearing on **HB 2**, General appropriations act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:03 David Ewer, Budget Director

EXHIBIT(fcs01c01)

01:00:33 Linda McCulloch, Superintendent of Public Instruction

01:06:04 Sheila Stearns, commissioner of Higher Education

01:07:11 Jane Harris, Flathead Community College

01:08:05 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:25 Jim Taylor, Montana Public Defender Commission

01:13:36 Mike Sherwood, State Public Defender Commission

01:16:21 Rep. Rick Jore, HD 12

01:20:53 Ginger Aldrich, ACLU Montana

EXHIBIT(fcs01c02)

01:24:46 Mike Thatcher, Community Counseling and Corrections
Service

01:37:24 Mike Ruppert, CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services

01:41:06 J.D. Lynch, Community Counseling and Corrections

01:44:44 Linda Stoll, Montana Areas on Aging

EXHIBIT(fcs01c03)

01:53:58 Doug Nulle, Clancy

01:56:27 Sen. John Cobb

Proponent's Testimony:

02:03:00 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association Community
Disability Services-Systems Advocacy, Inc., Montana
Association of Rehabilitation

02:05:38 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

02:09:51 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

02:14:07 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, Montana Children's
Initiative Provider's Association

02:17:35 Mike Hanshew, Nightingale Nursing, Consumer Direct
Personal Nursing

02:25:46 Rep. Mary Caferro, HD 80

Informational Testimony:

02:29:27 Pam Bucy, Assistant Attorney General, Department of
Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:30:51 Sen. Lewis to Director David Ewer

02:38:30 Rep. Beck to Director David Ewer

02:40:53 Sen. Lind to Rep. Jore (not present)

02:41:13 Rep. Morgan to Director David Ewer

02:44:15 Rep. Sesso to Director Mike Ferriter, Department of
Corrections

02:54:50 Rep. Sesso to John Chauppus, Department of Public
Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

03:00:51 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

03:01:23 Rep. Sesso

03:02:00 Recess

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Recess: 3:00 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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